

City of Reading Charter Board

July 15, 2013 – 7:00 pm

Penn Room

Members Present: Susan Gibson, Jerry Richter, Elizabeth Stanley

Board Solicitor: Eric Smith, Esq

Members Absent: None

Members of Public and Invited Guests: Mr. Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

**I. Administration**

- The Board's next meeting will be August 6, 2013, at 7:00 pm.
- The Chair announced there have been no new Right to Know requests.
- The Chair noted that the Board application made by Mr. Tom Anewalt has received both Mayoral and Council approval. However, per the City Clerk, Mr. Anewalt's appointment to the Charter Board will be postponed until dissolution of the current Charter Review Commission, on which he presently serves.

**II. Education**

- No current issues

**III. Advisory**

- No current Issues

**IV. Enforcement**

- The Board Chair announced an Executive Session to confer with counsel regarding pending litigation including the appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #32, the Declaratory Judgment Action and appeal of the Final Opinion and Order of Investigation #34 (Docket #1320083), and procedural matters regarding Investigation #38.
- The Board entered executive session at 7:10 pm and exited executive session at 7:30 pm.

- After returning to public session an open call for public comment was offered by the chair. No public comment was given.
- Finally, a motion was made by Mr. Richter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Stanley to, at the request of the Investigative Officer, extend the full investigative phase of Investigation #38 until September 30, 2013. Additionally, in response to concerns raised by counsel, the extension is contingent upon all parties involved providing a signed waiver which surrenders the right to objections based on established investigative time frames as outlined in the Charter Board Ordinance. The motion passed by unanimous verbal vote.
- The Board Chair additionally notes the following :
  - Argument for the local agency appeal of Investigation #32 before the Berks County Court of Common Pleas occurred June 20, 2013. The Board awaits a final decision.
  - Argument for the local agency appeal of Investigation #34 before the Berks County Court of Common Pleas has been continued by stipulation to September 16, 2013.

**V. Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Gibson, Chair

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